Work Task B5: Bubbling Ponds Fish Hatchery

Partners: Arizona Game and Fish Department

Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

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Purpose: Develop, maintain, and operate a native fish rearing facility to

contribute to the LCR MSCP Fish Augmentation Program.

Conservation Measures: RASU3 and RASU4

Long-term Goal: Increase native fish production capabilities. The two principal

fishes to be reared are razorback sucker and bonytail. The goal is to rear and stock over 1.2 million native fish. Bubbling Ponds Fish

Hatchery will be an integral part of the Fish Augmentation

Program for the LCR MSCP, providing between 5,000 and 15,000

razorback suckers annually to the program.

Location: Bubbling Ponds Fish Hatchery, Sedona, Arizona.

FY05 Estimate: \$86,000 for in-house staff and agreement costs.

Project Description: This project will rear razorback sucker for release into the lower

river as part of the LCR MSCP's Fish Augmentation Program. Bubbling Ponds Fish Hatchery is managed by Arizona Game and Fish Department. The facility was first developed in the 1950's. Reclamation and AGFD have been cooperatively upgrading this

facility since 1998.

FY04Accomplishment: During 2004, some 25,000 razorback sucker fingerlings were

transferred to the facility from Willow Beach Hatchery; over 11,000 razorback suckers from previous production years were reared, tagged and repatriated to the lower Colorado River (below

Parker Dam).